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## NEWS AND NOTES

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Notes of interest to the readers of the *Journal* should be in the hands of the editor of "News and Notes" not later than the tenth of the month preceding publication.

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### AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES

The American Sociological Society was represented at the Annual Meeting of the American Council of Learned Societies held in New York on January 28, 1922, by Professor F. Stuart Chapin of Smith College. Reports of the officers indicated that the publication of the annual bulletin of the Council would have to be delayed owing to the fact that official reports of the annual meeting of the Union Académique had not yet been received. Aside from the slight financial contributions which the Council had been able to make toward the support of international undertakings, the chief interest of the Council centered about a proposal to study the ways and means of beginning a *Dictionary of National Biography*. It was agreed that America had need of such a publication and that the Council was the logical agency to initiate the enterprise. A committee was appointed to investigate and report. An arrangement has been made with the National Research Council for collaboration in reporting doctor's dissertations on subjects within the fields of learning covered by the constituent societies. A committee was appointed to consider the proposal of establishing a business corporation for organizing along lines of modern business efficiency the distribution and sales of journals published by the constituent societies. This proposal was made by the representative of a large New York publishing house. A representative from the Council was elected to serve as a director of the University Center of Research of Washington, D. C.

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### AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

President James P. Lichtenberger announces the appointment of Professor Edward Cary Hayes, University of Illinois, and Professor Ross L. Finney, University of Minnesota, as representatives of the American Sociological Society upon the joint committee on social studies in the public schools. This committee is constituted by representatives from the social science associations.

The *Papers and Proceedings* of the sixteenth annual meeting of the American Sociological Society held at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Decem-

ber 27-30, 1921, appears this month under the title "Factors in Social Evolution."

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#### KÖLNER SOCIAL SCIENCE QUARTERLY

The third issue of the *Kölner Social Science Quarterly* (*Vierteljahrshefte für Sozialwissenschaften*) published by the newly organized Bureau of Social Research in Köln brings further evidence of a new and very lively interest in Germany in the fundamental problems of sociology. Number three of the first volume contains among others the following articles: Rudolph Goldscheid on "The Place of an Evolutionary and Human Economy in the System of the Sciences"; L. Stephinger, "The Foundation of a Science of Society"; Wilhelm Jerusalem, "A Sociological Theory of Knowledge"; W. Wygodzinski, "General Theory of Social Groups"; and Franz Eulenburg, "Concerning the Nature of Social Relations."

#### THE CHINESE JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY

Arrangements are being made by the Chinese Sociological Society to publish a quarterly journal. The journal will be published in both Chinese and English, and will be circulated in foreign countries as well as in China. Suggestions, contributions, and other assistance from foreign sociologists are especially welcomed. All articles, manuscripts, and book reviews, intended for publication should be addressed to the editor of the Chinese Sociological Journal, Dr. Yu Tinn Hugh, 23 Chung Tieh Chiang Hutung, West City, Peking, China.

#### WEEKLY BETTER TIMES BULLETIN

A new publication, to be known as the *Weekly Better Times Bulletin* is now issued as a supplement to *Better Times*, a monthly magazine devoted to the activities of the 2,000 charitable and social welfare organizations in this city. The weekly bulletin will report the gist of the current news of local philanthropic and welfare work, a record of social legislation, and all announcements of importance for those actively interested in social welfare activities.

The publication is sponsored by a Board of which Mr. Herbert Hoover is chairman and among whose members are Miss Lillian D. Wald, of the Henry Street Settlement, Mr. James H. Post, of the new Federation of Protestant Child-caring Institutions, Rev. Bryan J. McEntegart, of the Catholic Charities, Mrs. Sidney C. Borg, of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropic Societies, Commissioner Bird S. Coler, of the Department of Public Welfare, Dr. Thomas J. Riley, of the Brooklyn Bureau of

Charities, Mr. William Fellowes Morgan, of the Merchants Association and the United Hospital Fund, and Mr. Lawson Purdy, of the Charity Organization Society. Mr. George J. Hecht is the editor of the new bulletin and Mrs. Gertrude H. Springer, managing editor. A free sample copy will be sent to anyone interested on request. The offices are at 100 Gold Street, New York.

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#### PEKING NATIONAL TEACHERS COLLEGE

Dr. Yu Tinn Hugh, general director of the Chinese Sociological Society, has been appointed professor of sociology. The chair of sociology in this college is the first one established among the Chinese national colleges. Dr. Yu is now offering the following courses at the college: General Sociology, Educational Sociology, and Social Problems. Instructions are being given by lectures, as there are no suitable textbooks in Chinese on the above-mentioned subjects.

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#### THE CLEVELAND COUNCIL OF SOCIOLOGY

The Cleveland Council of Sociology is a unique institution. It has among its 133 members lawyers, judges, public school teachers, social workers, bankers, newspaper and magazine writers and editors, school superintendents, real estate brokers, artists, publicity men, printers, public accountants, clergymen of various faiths, manufacturers, insurance brokers, physicians, secretaries, librarians, court stenographers, architects, engineers, physicists, psychologists, mathematicians, statisticians, and sociologists.

The Council meets twice a month when it is addressed by one of its members or by someone else who can offer a contribution to the Council. Lively discussions follow these informal addresses. The speaker and all who take part in the discussion say what they please, since it is a time-honored custom of the club not to have any reporters present.

The Council is a clearing-house on all problems of social interest, and nothing more. It takes no partisan stand on any matters and never goes on record officially in respect to anything.

Quoting from a letter from the Secretary, Robert F. Bingham, "The Council has been in existence for over twenty years. It has among its members such men as Judge George S. Addams of the Juvenile Court, Judge Alexander Hadden of the Probate Court, Judge Levine of the Common Pleas Court, Judge Silbert of the Municipal Court, Rabbi Louis Woolsey, Dr. Maurice Zeligzon, Gerrit A. Beneker [well-known

eastern painter of remarkable industrial paintings such as 'Men Are Square'], Walter S. Bigelow, Secretary of the Real Estate Board, Benjamin Karr, Editor of the *News*, R. G. Jones, Superintendent of Schools of the City of Cleveland, J. W. McLane, Superintendent of Schools of Cleveland Heights, H. B. Schulters, President of the National City Bank, Dr. Charles Howe, President of Case School of Applied Science and a number of others prominent in city affairs."—Garry C. Myers, Cleveland School of Education, Cleveland, Ohio.

#### THE RESEARCH WORK OF THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE

The Department of Research and Investigations of the National Urban League, established about six months ago, has as its program the following: (1) Collection of all available social data relating to negroes, including pamphlets, bulletins, magazine articles, newspaper clippings, special surveys and studies made by other organizations. (2) Making and publishing for distribution special studies of specific problems of negroes or special aspects of general problems in which negroes are involved. (3) Special studies and surveys made for other organizations to provide a working basis for their programs and to provide additional material for the collection of information on the negro. (4) Establishment of an information bureau with specific information or directions for obtaining such information to be provided on request for students, departments of sociology, special study groups, Chambers of Commerce, speakers and authors interested in the negro problem. (5) Compilation of editorials, recommendations and suggestions for a one-year period to indicate the drift of sentiment on the negro question. (6) Maps summarizing in graphic form, special or general conditions affecting negroes, such maps and diagrams to be supplied to interested persons on request. (7) Local studies at the request of branches of the Urban League. (8) Standardization of the work of various branches of the Urban League. (9) Directing of special surveys made by branches of the Urban League. (10) Supply instruction sheets for secretaries and heads of various departments embodying information pertinent to their work which develops from inquiries and a general collection of social information, methods and technique. (11) Prepare releases for the press. (12) Establish in each local branch a system for collecting local information which will be of value both to the local and the national organizations.

Communications should be addressed to Charles S. Johnson, Director of Department of Research and Investigations, National Urban League, 127 E. 23d St., New York City.

THE RADCLIFFE CHAUTAUQUA SYSTEM DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY RESEARCH

Attention is being attracted to the work of the Radcliffe Chautauqua System in Applied Sociology. It is realized that the next few years will see the crisis of the Chautauqua Institution because all available territory will have been explored and the test of Chautauquas will be their ability to stay in a town, not for a few years until the novelty dissipates, but for an indefinite period. Such permanence only may be attained by developing more fundamental relations with the towns than most bureaus now maintain. Among its various services to meet this need the Radcliffe Chautauqua System has established a Department of Community Research which has the following purposes:

1. To conduct a survey in its sixteen hundred towns. A Chautauqua necessitates co-operation of teachers, ministers, business men, club women, and every phase of human activity. Questionnaires and charts are used which secure valuable information from these various sources. The report for the past season covered several hundred towns, and it is expected the published report of next season will cover a thousand. An institution which so intimately reaches sixteen hundred towns could make a contribution of facts to the rural and small towns situation.

2. To give the material so collected to the Chautauqua representatives and lecturers, that they might have a more accurate knowledge of the field, and thus be more definite and practical in their messages to the people. This plan fits well with the Radcliffe idea to preclude the old "barnstorming" lectures, by having the lecturers meet in democratic conference and there choose timely subjects for the coming season.

3. To promote community consciousness, and give expert assistance to the Chautauqua towns. A series of exhibits, one of which is a score chart for grading towns, are effectively used during the chautauqua. These are sometimes the subject of discussion at a community council which is called by the chautauqua people some of whom are experts in community affairs. The system desires that in addition to its lectures being the inspiration of a happier community life, its departments may be of expert assistance in realizing the programs, playgrounds, etc., which come as the practical result of the inspiration. The towns are encouraged to write the Community Department for advice and assistance on their problems.

The Community Department will be glad to send its reports and exhibit charts to any Departments of Sociology that are interested. Address communications to C. M. Eichelberger, The Radcliffe Chautauqua System, 907 16th St., NW., Washington, D.C.

## COOK COUNTY JAIL SURVEY BY CHICAGO COMMUNITY TRUST

Dean George W. Kirchwey, of New York, has been engaged by the Chicago Community Trust to direct a careful inquiry into the needs of a new Cook County Jail. The action of the Community Trust in undertaking a jail survey is in compliance with a unanimous resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. "The question of building a new jail and Criminal Court Building has been before the people of Cook County for many years," said Clifford W. Barnes, the chairman of the Community Trust, in announcing the plan for a survey. "The present jail," he said, "has long been regarded as unsafe and insanitary and it has been condemned by local officers and by visiting criminologists as a disgraceful school for crime rather than an instrument for justice. The proposal for a bond issue of several million dollars with which to erect a new building, however, has been presented to the voters four different times in the last seven years and has been defeated each time because the issue has not been made clear and no definite plan has been presented. It is hoped that the present survey, which has been urged by many civic organizations, will clear up the issue and lead to substantial improvements in our machinery for justice."

Dean Kirchwey, was for many years professor of law and Dean of the Law School at Columbia University, having formerly served in the same capacity at the Albany Law School. He was Commissioner of Prison Reform, state of New York, in 1913 and 1914 and Warden of Sing Sing Prison, New York, 1915 and 1916. Dean Kirchwey will be assisted by Winthrop D. Lane, a specialist in surveys of the county jails, who attracted particular attention in this field by his survey of the county jail system in Kansas and by Mrs. Adena Miller Rich, the director, and other members of the staff, of the Community Trust Bureau of Survey and Exhibits. Frank D. Loomis, secretary of the Community Trust, states that work on the survey will begin in the very near future and that at least two months' time will be required to complete the study.

## A BIOGRAPHY OF LESTER F. WARD

"Lester F. Ward: A Personal Sketch" is the subject of a biography of the great American sociologist by Emily Palmer Cape, the coeditor of Dr. Ward's last work, *Glimpses of the Cosmos*.

The author writes the *Journal*: "It gives a side of his nature that seldom was shown to the world at large. It brings a new vision of the man who longed to help humanity onward to greater wisdom and finer happiness. It contains letters from men who knew him closely

and admired him. All of his students and friends will be glad to welcome this book."

Professor James Q. Dealey writes: "The book will be a delightful addition to one's knowledge of Dr. Ward's personality." The volume is now in press. Putman is the publisher.

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#### BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Considerable feeling recently has been aroused among Texas Baptists by charges that Baylor University, their institution of higher learning, and particularly Professor Dow, head of the department of Sociology, are teaching heresy and infidelity. These charges have been pressed by the pastor of a Baptist church in Fort Worth. They are based on statements alleged to appear in Professor Dow's book *Introduction to the Principles of Sociology*. The charges have been published in *The Searchlight*, a publication which claims to be the organ of the church referred to above.

Analysis of the statements made by the clergyman in the publication mentioned indicates that their author either is ignorant of the true significance of the criticized passages in Professor Dow's book or is attempting to use the ignorance of his readers as an opportunity for attracting attention to himself as a self-asserted adherent to Baptist orthodoxy. He misquotes Professor Dow's text in such a way as seriously to misrepresent not only Professor Dow, but also sociology and sociologists in general. An illustration is found in one of the published statements which refers to the text in question as saying "that men came from apes."

At a recent convention of the Baptists of the state, it was confidently expected by many that some action would be taken which would vindicate Professor Dow and his book. It apparently was considered best, however, to avoid open conflict in the convention; so a committee was appointed to investigate the situation.

As a result of the widespread influence in religious circles which the false charges have exerted, and the failure of the convention to clear his position, Professor Dow has decided that the best interests of the denomination, and of Baylor University in particular, as well as the value of his future work as a sociologist, will best be fostered and protected by his resignation as a member of the university faculty. This action has brought forth expressions of deepest regret from faculty, president, trustees, and students of the institution, all of whom appear to hold their fellow-worker in high esteem.



## BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Professor Ernest R. Groves is giving the two extension courses, one in Contemporary Sociology and the other in Social Behavior and Human Progress in the second semester.

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## UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Professor Albion W. Small has just been elected president of the Institut International de Sociologie. The same honor has been conferred upon two earlier ex-presidents of the American Sociological Society Professors Lester F. Ward and Franklin H. Giddings.

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## GOUCHER COLLEGE

Goucher College has been developing in the department of social science two branches: one, the training for social work under Dr. Mollie R. Carroll, the other the beginnings of a business course under Mr. Donald S. Gates, who is from the Harvard School of Business Administration. In the training for social work, several types of effort have been developed. On the academic side the course Methods and Resources in Social Work is required of all who are interested in doing field work. There are two sorts of field work, that involving college credit and that for which no credit is given. The latter type may be begun in the Sophomore year and includes settlement clubs and classes. The credit work cannot be started until the beginning of the Junior year, when it may be taken parallel with the course on Methods and Resources. The precredit field work allows the sorting the students somewhat on the basis of ability and interest so that an idea as to their stability and interest is already secured when they are sent for credit field work, to the family case-working agencies of Baltimore. The whole emphasis is on continuance of university work after the receiving of a Baccalaureate degree. It has been interesting to see how emphasis on the professional side of social work is stimulating the undergraduate to further study after the four years of college are completed. The more strongly vocational become the Junior and Senior years, seemingly the more importance the student attaches to advanced training.

Hand in hand with this development has come the enlargement of the Appointments Bureau, formerly one of the functions of the busy dean, and now handled by Dr. Iva L. Peters, of our department, who has a full-time assistant to take care of the mechanical side of the Bureau. Her placement work is not limited to social-science students, but is of

immense value in building up the morale of the department. Dr. Peters has also worked out a bibliography for her course in Social Origins in which she tries to supplement, by bringing up to date, the bibliography in Dr. William I. Thomas' *Source Book*.

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#### INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Professor U. G. Weatherly, head of the department of economics and sociology in Indiana University, has recently been elected an honorary Associé of the Institut International de Sociologie. Mr. Shelley D. Watts, formerly with the American Red Cross in this state, has been made an assistant professor of sociology. Mr. Robert E. Neff has been appointed director of the courses in Indianapolis for the training of social workers.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Mr. Frank J. Bruno, executive secretary of the Associated Charities of Minneapolis and professorial lecturer in the department of sociology, is again acting chairman of the department this year. This is the third year which he has served in this capacity.

Professor Bernard is on leave of absence this year doing a piece of research on a grant from Amherst College.

Associate Professor Elmer taught in the summer school of the University of Washington the past summer.

Mr. Charles E. Lively, instructor in sociology, accepted an assistant professorship in rural sociology at Ohio State University at the beginning of the academic year.

The following new instructors were added to the staff of the department of sociology this year: Mr. George Roussow, of the University of Chicago, Mr. L. O. Lantis, of Ohio State University, and Mr. C. L. Hoffer, of Iowa State College. Mrs. Lorna B. Chambers and Mr. Hugh S. Carter were appointed teaching fellows.

The total enrolment in sociology, in all divisions of the university in Minneapolis and St. Paul, was slightly in excess of 3,500 last year, including the summer school. The corresponding enrolment for the beginning course totaled over 1,300 for the same period. Rural sociology had an enrolment of approximately 300, and the advanced theory courses enrolled a total of 380 students.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Professor C. A. Ellwood, of the University of Missouri, has recently received the first copies of the Japanese translation of his *Introduction to*

*Social Psychology*. The translation was made under the supervision of Professor M. Anesaki, of the Imperial University, Tokyo. This is the second of Professor Ellwood's books to be translated into Japanese, *The Social Problem* having been translated in 1917.

Professor E. L. Morgan, professor of rural sociology in the University of Missouri, was made a member of the Executive Committee of the American Country Life Association at its meeting in New Orleans in November.

Hon. William Volker of Kansas City, has established a graduate scholarship paying \$300 a year in the department of sociology at the University of Missouri. This scholarship is in addition to the regular scholarships and fellowships in sociology provided from University funds.

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#### NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

The Association Press announces the publication of a book "The Community: an Introduction to the Study of Community Leadership and Organization" by Professor Edward C. Lindeman.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The University of Southern California Press announced the publication in January of a work *The History of Social Thought* by Professor Emory S. Bogardus. The book is organized into twenty-eight chapters which treat of the nature and types of social thinking in successive periods from primitive societies to modern sociological investigation.

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#### TOLEDO UNIVERSITY

The department of sociology announces the offering in its division of social work of three courses by Mrs. June Purcell Guild: Social Legislation, Principles of Relief, Delinquency and Corrections.

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#### MASTER'S THESES AND DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

In the May issue the *Journal* will publish the annual list of dissertations in progress by candidates for higher degrees in departments of sociology in universities and colleges in the United States. Blank forms requesting this information have been sent to those institutions which made returns last year. Departments or persons not receiving these forms are invited to assist in making the list complete by supplying the following information for candidates for higher degrees: name and address; present degrees and institutions conferring; degree sought; thesis subject, probable date of completion of dissertation. Address Editor, News and Notes, *American Journal of Sociology*, 58th Street and Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.